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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' continuing obligation to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office all references coming to their attention which are related to the invention of the present application, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following references, copies of which are being submitted herewith. Form PTO-1449 listing the references is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No.	Inventor(s)	Date
4,977,595	Ohta et al.	December 11, 1990
5,790,677	Fox et al.	August 4, 1998

Other Publications	Date
International Publication No. WO 99/03285	January 21, 1999
International Publication No. WO 99/26207	May 27, 1999
International Publication No. WO 00/62260	October 19, 2000
International Publication No. WO 01/40605	June 7, 2001

The above references were cited in the European Search Report on European Patent Application No. 03019273, which corresponds to the present application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

The Applicants are of opinion that the present invention is patentable over these references, which are being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicants are aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the present application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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